



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7787.0041-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Gerald W. FISCHER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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Application No.: 09/893,615 ) Examiner: V. Portner  
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Filed: June 29, 2001 )  
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For: Opsonic and Protective )  
Monoclonal and Chimeric )  
Antibodies Specific for Lipoteichoic )  
Acid of Gram Positive Bacteria )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Applicants now reply to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for 3 months to April 6, 2004, by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. To further the progress of prosecution, Applicants also file a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper, on pages 2 and 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, on page 4.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, and begin on page 7.